TRICELIA VARIOPEDATA RENIER [1807] (POLYCHAETA): PROPOSED CONSERVATION OF THE SPECIFIC NAME. Z.N.(S.)1093

By the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

In Opinion 427 (1956, *Ops. Decls Int. Comm. zool. Nom.* vol. 14 (11), pp. 281–310) the Commission rejected the following work as not validly published: Renier, S. A. [1807], *Tavole per servire alle classificazione e connoscenza degli animali.* Most of the generic names in that work were placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names in Zoology, but a number were reserved for further consideration, including *Tricelia.* The late Dr Lemche in a letter to the Commission's office dated 27 May 1955, said of this name: '*Tricelia* is a synonym of the generic name *Chaetopterus* Cuvier, which is in common use. There is no reason to revive Renier's generic name, but the specific name *variopedata* Renier is a very well known name of an extremely strange polychaete known to most students of zoology because of its peculiar outline and strong powers of luminescence. I think it is essential to keep the specific name.'

2. *Tricelia* and *T. variopedata* appeared in tavola vi of Renier's work. The status of *Chaetopterus* is fortunately not in doubt. The genus was described by Cuvier, 1830, *Règne animal* (2nd ed.), vol. 3, p. 208. The generic description applies also to the only included species (hence the type species by monotypy), *C. pergamentaceus* Cuvier, ibid.

3. Polychaete specialists are asked to comment on the following proposals: that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature should

(a) use its plenary powers to rule that the specific name *variopedata* Renier, [1807], as appearing in the binomen *Tricelia variopedata,* is an available name;
(b) place the generic name *Chaetopterus* Cuvier, 1830 (gender: masculine), type species, by monotypy, *Chaetopterus pergamentaceus* Cuvier, 1830, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;
(c) place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology
  (i) *variopedata* Renier, [1807], as appearing in the binomen *Tricelia variopedata,* and as ruled under the plenary powers in (a) above to be an available name;
  (ii) *pergamentaceus* Cuvier, 1830, as published in the binomen *Chaetopterus pergamentaceus* (specific name of type species of *Chaetopterus* Cuvier, 1830);

(d) place the generic name *Tricelia* Renier, [1807], a name appearing in a work ruled in Opinion 427 to be not validly published, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.